

August 23, 2005
Public Safety Building

Corridors Subcommittee

The committee was charged with identifying planning and development issues that pertain to the main corridors of the township. They were also charged with coming up with a vision statement for the future development of the area. The vision statement exercise began with pairs of participants writing a joint vision statement. Then, the groups of two were paired with another group of two to make groups of four. The new larger groups were asked to combine their sets of vision statements into one statement. The notes below reflect the two vision statements from the two final groups.

Planning Issues:

- General:
 - Corridor appearance and general aesthetics
 - Median plantings to soften asphalt
 - Thoroughfare Plan update needs to be done
 - Gateway planning is important
 - Gateway signage
 - Other use of corridors like monorail transportation
 - Added corridors of Towne Road and 146th Street
 - Define actual corridor area/depth of corridors
 - Need zoning ordinances to back up comprehensive plan
- U.S. 31
 - Could work with INDOT to trade off S.R. 38 interchange with one at 161st street to help with trail access and two east west traffic.
 - The need for parallel (frontage) road systems
 - Monon and Midland Trail impacts
 - Getting from west to east side of U.S. 31
 - McGregor Park at northeast corner of S.R. 38 and U.S. 31 is an asset
 - Do we plan for free
- S.R. 32
 - Airport influence
 - Eagletown and Jolietville influence
 - Lane widths through Downtown Westfield

Vision Statement Items:

Group 1:

Widen south side of SR 32 through Downtown (Park St to East St)
Have consistent number of through lanes for each corridor, township wide
Expand corridor area to include 146th Street and Towne Road
Employment Sector/Businesses
No Residential
Master Plan

Include Greenspace
Minimize access cuts on all corridors
Transition between differing uses
High architectural standards
Visibility
Attractive/Aesthetics
Landscape Medians -- look like a parkway

Group 2:

Town identification monuments
Historic Preservation
Maintain traffic flow
Borders
Alternative Transportation opportunities
Parks as destinations
Trail overpasses
Possible Town Hall relocation
Mix uses along all corridors